MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the number of days that are declared as public holidays for Christmas?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The holidays for the Christmas and the New Year's day together come up to about ten days.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why this difference is kept up with regard to Christmas holidays and Onam holidays?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: There is no definite reason for that.

The English Middle School for Girls, Chengannur.

189. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the question of raising the English Middle School for Girls, Chengannur, into a High School; and

(*b*) the number of girls studying in the High School classes in the English High School, Chengannur?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 115.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government have issued orders that funds should be provided for raising the school to the status of a High School according to the promise made in 1110?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I claim notice.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the number of students studying in the IV Form of the English School at Chengannur?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I claim notice Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the number of girl students studying in the V and VI forms of the Boys school at Chengannur?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I claim notice Sir.

PRESIDENT: Order, order.

If the honourable member had given all these questions in advance the Director of Public Instruction could have answered them now on the floor of the House. In the case of certain questions, obviously, supplementary questions may arise which must be answered by the Official Member as far as possible. In other cases, these supplementary questions if given in advance, say a few hours before the meeting, to the officer in charge, he will probably give the answers and this constant reiteration or questions can be avoided.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, a word of personal explanation.

PRESIDENT: No word of personal explanation. You are not an exclusive culprit.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, Part II of my question is as follows :

"the number of girls studying in the High School classes in the English High School, Chengannur,"?

So the Hon'ble Member is naturally expected to come prepared with the strength of girls students in each Form.

PRESIDENT : When I made that statement I had in view the duty of official members to impart as far as possible all available information that may be elicited by supplementary questions. And it is for the official members to realise this and to get themselves ready with answers.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : Sir, a word of personal explanation.

PRESIDENT: You too are not an exclusive culprit.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Sir, during the session of May 1936, the same questions were asked and answers were given.

PRESIDENT : The answer that the honourable member wants is with regard to the strength of girls students in IV, V and VI forms. Unless the honourable member put down this question definitely the official member may not be able to answer it on the spur of the movement.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Sir, my question relates to the present day affairs. I put the same question some years before and I got answers for them. Now, after some lapse of time, situations may have changed.

Building for the V. M. Girls' School, Muvattupuzha.

190 ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) for how many years now (15-3-1113) has the V. M. Girls' School, Muvattupuzha, been conducted in its present building which is a rented one ;

(*b*) the annual rent paid by Government for that building ;

(*c*) whether they have received any representation from the teachers thereof and the guardians of pupils complaining that the ventilation and accommodation now available for the classes in that building are inadequate and unsatisfactory ;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that occasional slight accidents are reported owing to the fall of nuts and fruits when pupils use the garden of that building during leisure periods ;

(*e*) whether the Government have acquired a site for the school in the vicinity of that building ; and

(*f*) what the compensation paid for that acquisition was, and in what year it was paid ?

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